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News you can use

Reminder: siren testing done weekly

The Robins Command Post performs a weekly test of the base siren system and Mass Notification System every Wednesday, between noon and 1 p.m. Please don't be alarmed when you hear the sirens. Should an actual emergency arise, further instructions would be broadcast.

— From staff reports

Air Force marathon set for Sept. 17

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Services officials will hold the ninth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 17. The marathon will also include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, a four-person relay and a 5k race.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 2. The race is open to the public.

The course is a certified 26.2-mile run that starts and ends at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, the Wright-Patterson flightline and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

Registration fees are: marathon (individual), \$45; wheelchair, \$45; relay team, \$160 per team; half marathon, \$30 and the 5k, \$15. Tickets for the dinner can be paid for on the registration entry form and are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 6 to 12, and free for children age 5 or younger.

Permissive temporary duty is authorized for this event.

The Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event. The marathon began in 1997 as Wright Patterson's tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volunteered or were spectators.

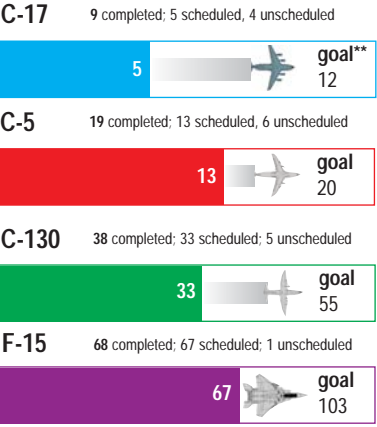
The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

For more information, people can visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

— Air Force Print News

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of May 31.



**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, 402nd Maintenance Wing

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

Ceremony honors departed



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Forty-four departed Robins' comrades were paid tribute at the Camellia Gardens Memorial service in the garden across from the Officers' Club May 26. Above, Kenneth Ellison comforts Jasmine Williamson, 5, during the remembrance of Senior Airman Jesse G. Williamson, his son-in-law and her father. **More photos inside, 2A.**

Online system makes registering for HAWC classes easier

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The Health and Wellness Center is giving civilians and active-duty servicemembers an easier way to learn about their favorite health topics.

People Helping People, a Web-based scheduling program, which began at bases throughout Air Force Materiel Command in January, allows people to register for classes on

nutrition, stress management, diabetes and more.

Linda DeRosa, HAWC information manager, said the scheduling program takes the hassle out of getting involved in what the center has to offer.

"We put our classes in the system and people can go right in and plug themselves into the classes," she said. "They just fill in some information about themselves, and there's a drop-down menu that has all the

classes in chronological order, including current and future classes."

Ms. DeRosa said with the system's auto-generated e-mail message feature, which gives students class-related information within a couple of days of the class, those signing up for classes are less likely to forget.

"As soon as they sign up for a class, they're going to get an automatic e-mail telling them that they're signed up for the

class, and it lets them know where to go and when, like an appointment reminder," she said.

Maj. John Leitnaker, chief of the Operational Prevention Branch of the AFMC Command Surgeon, said the relatively new program brings a two-fold benefit to the process of educating military and civilians on fitness and

Please see **HAWC, 2A**

What to know

People Helping People is a Web-based system that allows civilians and military sign up for HWAC classes online. Once registered, military and civilians will receive an e-mail giving the class time, date and location, along with a brief description of the course. The program will soon be accessible at the HAWC Web link at www.robins.af.mil.

Services reduces 2005 pool fees, passes available at Equipment Rental Center

By Lanorris Askew
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The 78th Services Division recently announced the implementation of a fee schedule for pool usage here at Robins for the 2005 season, but revisions have been made to that original schedule.

According to Cheryl Dollard, Outdoor Recreation director, Services revised the fees providing a greater break for junior personnel. The changes also allow club members to add a 10 percent discount for season passes.

Mrs. Dollard said the fee schedule is being implemented to defray the rising costs of

What to know

Pools are now open. Pool hours are Crestview, noon - 7 p.m. and closed Thursdays; Officers' Club, noon - 7 p.m. and closed Tuesdays; and Enlisted Club, noon - 7 p.m. and closed Mondays.

You may purchase pool passes at Equipment Rental, Building 914 on Ninth Street: daily pass, \$2; single - E4 and below, \$20; single - E5 and above/officers/civilian, \$30; family - E4 and below, \$45 and family - E5 and above/officers/civilian, \$55. All club members receive 10 percent off pool passes.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Please see **POOL, 2A**

78th MSG change of command



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Allen J. Benefield accepts command of the 78th Mission Support Group from Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, as Col. Silvia Anderson, former 78th MSG commander, watches May 26.

Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today

Cloudy to partly cloudy



80/68

Saturday

Partly cloudy



88/64

Sunday

Partly cloudy with chance of p.m. rain



86/68

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Camellia Gardens Memorial Service honors 44



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Burrell and Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, lay a wreath during the 29th annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service May 26. The service pays tribute to the men and women who contributed to the growth and development of Robins Air Force Base and the Middle Georgia community.

Who they are

The following names of the honorees for 2005 were added to the gold plaques on the garden's memorial wall:

Alvie Lee Abston, Chief Master Sgt. James R. Anderson, USAFR (Ret); Master Sgt. Steven E. Auchman, USAF; Master Sgt. Robert E. Banbury, USAF (Ret); Frank Anderson Bazemore; Roscoe Eugene Bloodworth; Lovette R. Brantley Jr.; Sherry Leigh Bridges; John Wesley Brinson Sr.; Sgt. 1st Class Roosevelt Clark Jr., USA (Ret); Betty Ann Cook; Luciano Joseph Cosenzo; Master Sgt. David Michael Crume, USAF (Ret); Dorothy Youmans Davis; Joe Frank Dickerson; Elouise Floyd; Master Sgt. Milton Leon Gardner, USAF; Also, Master Sgt. Richard Glaser, USAF (Ret); Master Sgt. Albert Cottrell Glenn, USAF (Ret); Danny M.Gray; Phillips Eugene Griffin; Elvie W. (Poogie) Haynes; Juanita Matilda Johnson; George E. King II; Col. Norman Eugene Lasater, USAFR (Ret); Master Sgt. Thomas Edwin Lendrum, USAF (Ret); Edna M. Mercer; Tech. Sgt. Sheldon Meyers, USAF (Ret); Chief Petty Officer James Wesley Middlebrooks, USN (Ret); Altus Ray Mitchell; Senior Airman Jeremy Monat, USAF; Senior Master Sgt. Paul Curtis Monday, USAF (Ret); Dorothy Ruth Napolitano; Senior Master Sgt. Thomas L. Necochea, USAF (Ret); Tech. Sgt. Bertie Cleon Osborne Jr., USAF (Ret); Lt. Col. John Franklin Pope, USAFR (Ret); Jamie Lynn and Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek, USAF; Bryan O. Stapleton Jr.; Vernie G. Stewart; William Russell Towles Sr.; Michele Twigg; Alison Marie Williams; and Senior Airman Jesse G.Williamson, USAF.



Margaret Scheer's gloved hand rings a bell as each name is read.

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ergonomics evaluation, and we retained a certified ergonomist to start a group program,” he said. The program began with classes in ergonomic training for engineering professionals, Lean facilitators and safety specialists. Follow-on training included economics of ergonomics, ergonomics training for man-

agers and supervisors, and a train-the-trainer class, with a mix of shop floor, office, engineers, supervisors, deputy section chiefs and safety specialists serving as trainers. According to Mr. King, the program is expected to be expanded wing-wide in the near future. *Editor’s note: Gary Belconis, 402nd Maintenance Wing, contributed to this article.*

HAWC

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health issues. “It’s used primarily at most of our HAWCs to sign up for mandatory programs, as well as additional classes,” he said. “It’s a lot easier than having to catch people on the phone to sign you up on paper. It saves you time and is a lot more efficient.” Bridget Zimmerman, HAWC director, said the program, which will be accessible

to active-duty servicemembers and civilians through the HAWC’s home page within the next month, will put people in touch with all the HAWC has to offer. “It’s going to alleviate people from making a lot of phone calls to get questions answered about all the classes we have,” she said. “The system gives people an idea of what the classes consist of and they can decide whether or not they want to take it. I think it’s going to work a lot better this way.”

POOL

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operating expenses. “Unlike many bases, Robins has been extremely fortunate over the past few years, and we were able to avoid charging for summer pool use,” she said. “Services will use this money to enhance outdoor recreation programs and equipment to provide even better support to all customers.”

The pools officially opened Saturday, and the charges implemented are good for Crestview pool, the Officer’s Club pool and the Enlisted Club pool. The passes for the 2005 season are blue laminated cards. Each pass has a place for the individual’s name as well as the hours of operation for each pool. Lap swim for active duty is free during designated operating hours, to include the indoor pool.

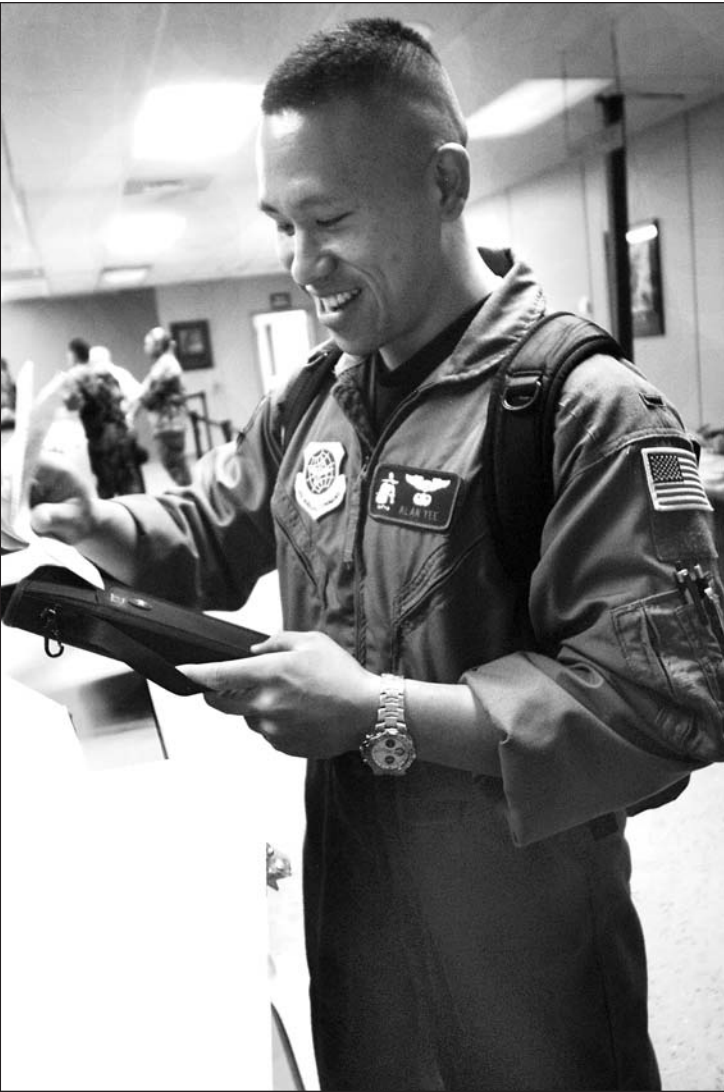
19th ARG heads out



Senior Airman Vince Mairi loads mobility bags for 19th Air Refueling Group members. U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Members of the 19th ARG listen to a briefing May 25 as they process through a mobility line.



About 25 members of the 19th Air Refueling Group deployed May 25, 26 and 27 to Central Command in support of the Global War on Terrorism, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

First Lt. Alan Yee, pilot, makes sure his paperwork is in order.

Senate confirms Gen. Ronald Keys as ACC commander

Air Combat Command
Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) - Ronald E. Keys was confirmed by the Senate May 26 for promotion to the rank of general and assignment here as the seventh commander of Air Combat Command.

Air Force Chief of Staff and former ACC commander Gen. John P. Jumper promoted ACC's newest commander to his four-star rank following the Senate's confirmation. General Keys assumes his duties at Langley immediately.

"Being selected to command ACC is a tremendous honor, and I thank General Jumper for the opportunity to lead this great command," General Keys said. "I'm looking forward to working with the men and women of ACC and our Guard and Reserve members who serve side by side with us. It's an honor to be their commander, and I cannot wait to get started."

General Keys will also serve as the air component commander for U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Prior to his assignment as the commander of the Air Force's largest major command, General Keys served as the deputy chief of staff for Air and Space Operations at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including more than 300 hours of combat time in Southeast Asia. He has commanded at numerous levels across the Air Force.

ACC is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready forces for use around the world and for homeland defense.

The command operates more than 1,200 aircraft, 25 wings, 15 bases and more than 200 operating locations worldwide with 110,000 active-duty and civilian members. When mobilized, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute more than 800 aircraft and 65,000 people to the command.

Family fitness room lets parents get fit while children play safe

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The Robins Fitness Center is making getting into shape a family affair with the addition of a new fitness room.

According to John Enterman, fitness center director, the family fitness room, which opened May 25, provides customers with small children a safe workout area that allows them the freedom to work out and watch their children in a safe environment.

The family fitness room, once an old racquetball court in disrepair located in the Health and Wellness Center, is now a safe haven for parents and children.

Mr. Enterman said the idea for the room stemmed from three needs surveys including two done locally and the 2004 Air Force Corporate PRISM survey.

Samantha Zuniga, military spouse and mother of two, said the room makes it easy to exercise.

“We are so proud and so happy about it,” she said. “It gives the parents who otherwise wouldn’t have a chance to use the gym an opportunity to come and bring their children without having to find day-care - which is nearly impossible.”

Mrs. Zuniga also said parents had wanted something like this for years.

“We are really grateful to Mr. Enterman because we know that without him this wouldn’t have been possible,” she said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Bella Zuniga, 1, plays while her mother Samantha works out in the new family fitness room Wednesday.

Five-year-old Mercer Zuniga and his one-year-old sister Bella agreed.

“I like playing and bouncing around,” he said.

Although three other Air Force bases have family fitness rooms, Mr. Enterman said Robins took the idea a bit further.

What to know

The family fitness room is open to all active duty military, retirees and their dependents who have fitness center memberships. Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the fitness center at 926-2129.

“We’ve taken what they’ve done at other bases and stepped it up a notch,” he said.

Using quality of life funds approved by Air Force Materiel Command Commander Gen. Gregory S. Martin, the construction cost of the new room was \$25,000 and another \$44,000 for furnishing the room with high tech workout equipment, murals and child-safe furniture.

The end result was a 20-foot by 17-foot child play area and a 33-foot by 20-foot workout room separated by a glass partition. The workout area is complete with six cardio machines all of which have built in LCD monitors with touch screens that are cable ready, so parents can watch their favorite TV programs while they are working out and can also have a direct view of their children.

“Everything was constructed up to Child Development Center standards as far as safety goes,” said Mr. Enterman. “We welcome children ages 6 months to 8 years, and there is a special parking area for strollers for infants.”

Civilians reach 100-mile mark in Walk into Wellness Campaign

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Richard Chapman is walking toward his goals.

Mr. Chapman, an electronic engineer with the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, is among 60 or more civilians who have reached the 100-mile mark in the Walk into Wellness Campaign, which began in January.

The 43-year-old Alabama native has averaged 7 miles a



day since the campaign’s start.

“It felt pretty good when I realized how much I had walked,” he said. “When I started the program, I thought it was going to be hard to stick with it. But it’s not as hard as I expected it to be.”

Mr. Chapman reached his goal within the first few weeks of the campaign, and hopes to continue to reap the rewards of the program.

“I needed to lose some weight and keep my blood pressure down,” he said. “This has started me on a program I hope to stay on.”

Shawanda Leggette, a 42-

year-old industrial hygienist with the 78th Medical Group’s Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, joined the walking campaign in February, and said reaching the 100-mile mark in her exercise program has inspired her to keep moving.

“It’s exciting and it gives me energy to keep walking and running and actually doing some of the other exercises they have at the gym,” she said. “This motivates me to do something daily and be more conscientious about my walk-

ing, even short walks around the building.”

Ms. Leggette and Mr. Chapman aren’t alone. Bridget Zimmerman, HAWC director, said many people are pounding the pavement in the fitness program.

“I think the program has been a success,” she said. “We have more and more people asking for pedometers. It lets them know, as individuals, their progress so they can set a goal to beat, which is what it’s all about.”

Center injury rates on the decline, lowest of ALCs



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

Flight control mechanics Willie Felder, left, and Greg Dean work on C-5 flaps. During the second quarter of fiscal 2005, the Center had the lowest mishap rate of all three air logistics centers.

By Melanie T. Clearman
Center Safety Office
Ground Safety chief

Safety at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has gotten a lot of bad press lately, but there is good news to report. Our injury rates are on the decline – less people are getting injured on the job.

During fiscal 2004, from October to March, Center personnel sought medical treatment 508 times for an incident that occurred while on the job. That’s anything from a cut finger to a broken arm. This year, during the same time period, there were 375 trips to medical. That’s a 26 percent decrease.

There was an even greater reduction in the more serious injuries. This category, lost workday injuries, contains those injuries in which a worker

loses at least eight consecutive hours of work time beyond the day of the injury. During fiscal 2004, there were 36 lost workday injuries compared to 22 during fiscal 2005 – a 39 percent decrease. That’s great news when you consider how much injuries cost us in both dollars and production, not to mention the personal pain and suffering.

How do we compare to the other air logistics centers? Quite well. During the second quarter of fiscal 2005, we had the lowest mishap rate of all three centers. Don’t take this to mean that we are satisfied with a sharp decline. Our goal is zero mishaps. We in safety believe that the improvement can be attributed to leadership involvement and concern with the safety of the work force. Make no bones about it; leadership at all levels at Robins is genuinely con-

cerned about the safety of the work force.

We cannot allow our folks to be injured doing their job. Work should not hurt. Supervisors, managers and workers have a responsibility not only to protect themselves, but also to look out for their fellow workers.

Maybe you are the one who is going to prevent your teammate from suffering an eye injury today when you remind him to wear his eye protection. Maybe you are going to have an opportunity to remind someone today to wear their fall protection so they can attend their son’s little league game tonight. Perhaps if you didn’t make an effort to remind him, he might never see his son play again.

The point is, we’re doing better. We should be proud of that fact, but we still have a ways to go. One mishap is one too many.

What does it take to be a quarterly or annual award winner?

By Chief Master Sgt. Cathi Durick
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LAJES FIELD, Azores (AFPN) – The question lingers: What does it take to be recognized? For Airmen and non commissioned officers, recognition can be a confusing issue, so let’s talk quarterly awards.

What does it take to get recognized? For Airmen and NCOs, recognition as a quarterly or annual award winner can be a bullet on a performance report; for senior NCOs, a stratifying statement for promotion.

As we progress in our careers, competing against peers and winning may be a deciding factor in assignments,

Stripes For Exceptional Performers promotions, senior NCO board scores, in-residence professional military education and more.

Over the years, and it has been almost 26 of them for me, I have been on hundreds of boards and have developed a sense of what it takes to be an award winner. Job knowledge and performance are the key here. Did you affect your work center, flight, squadron or major command by doing something faster, better or cheaper?

Just being key to the squadron winning an award doesn’t really say anything. What did you do, or what did your Airman do, to guarantee that award?

Quantifying is important but don’t exaggerate. I would like to see all the money and manpower we supposedly saved the Air Force over the past several years that I have seen cited in award packages. With some of these exaggerations, the Air Force would be able to fund a lot of quality-of-life projects.

All nominees do great things on their primary job, but winning a tie-breaker is usually because the “other” categories are strong. Off-duty activities are important in your overall score. Professionals are distinguished by their skill and experience. What better way to enhance these traits than to get involved in volunteer work and self-improvement?

Volunteering on base and in the community is a sure sign of leadership and initiative, and there are always opportunities to volunteer as key workers for local events. Yet, as I was sitting in an organization meeting a couple of weeks ago, a young technical sergeant all but begged for points of contact for different events while the Airmen she was addressing looked at the shine on their boots. Volunteer programs give our folks opportunities to get involved and contribute.

Self-improvement through off-duty education is really important. Don’t think the board members can’t deduce you have been carrying around the same 38 credit hours toward

a future Community College of the Air Force degree. I have seen annual awards and enlisted performance report bullets with the same number of credits for a year or so. Not an impressive accomplishment and more often it hurts rather than helps. Get going on your education.

Never say you did things that you didn’t; the board members have seen a lot of bullets and probably know the difference. Besides, the award is only worth it if you really did the work.

I realize some of you will always have the perception that the quarterly and annual award process rewards the competitive person at the expense of the “hard worker” and misplaces

the recognition. I give my vote to the professional – the individual who excels at his or her job, takes initiative, contributes to the community and betters him or herself. That is the essence of professionalism.

Want to win? Then distinguish yourself from the pack and make an impact. Make yourself competitive for an award that matches your talents, interests and strengths.

Supervisors, when your troop approaches you and asks, “Why didn’t you nominate me?,” be ready to defend your criteria for what it takes to represent your section, flight or command at the next level, then tell them what it takes to win!

Commander’s Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations...	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Improper wear of uniform

I’m requesting a note be forwarded to the unit first sergeants at Robins asking them to remind their troops of the Air Force policy regarding off-base stops while in uniform.

I regularly see military members in BDUs or flight suits drinking beer in off-base restaurants. Stopping on the way home to run a quick errand or eat lunch is certainly acceptable while in uniform. However, drinking several beers while in a flight suit in a downtown

restaurant or bar in the middle of the afternoon certainly violates Air Force policy and portrays an undesired image of a professional war fighter.

Commander’s reply: Thanks for providing me the opportunity to remind everyone of the requirement to strictly adhere to Air Force policy when wearing utility uniforms off base. In accordance with AFI 36-2903, Table 2.7., the following are the only instances when Battle Dress, Hospital White and Food Service White Uniforms may

be worn at off-base establishments: Members may opt to eat lunch at local establishments where people wear comparable civilian attire or make short convenience stops (including shopping malls). Specifically prohibited is the wear of these uniforms when they go to an establishment that operates primarily to serve alcohol or in a restaurant where people wear business attire.

Moreover, in accordance with AFI 36-2903, Table 1.3., military members are reminded not to wear the uniform when it would discredit the Armed Forces.

MILITARY JUSTICE

During the period of May 23 through 29, two members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

- An airman first class failed to pay debts.

Punishment: a reduction to airman basic.

- An airman basic stored pornographic photographs

on a government computer. **Punishment:** a suspended forfeiture of \$617 for two months, 45 days restriction to base, and 45 days extra duty.

There were two administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

- A master sergeant was administratively discharged for commission of a serious offense. Member received a

general discharge.

- A senior airman was administratively discharged for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. Member received a general discharge.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

Remember to slow down

There have been

282

speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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DoD officials warn about insurance, investment rip-offs

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Defense Department officials said they are working to thwart insurance and investment marketing practices that exploit servicemembers.

“You really have to be a little bit skeptical if somebody says if you invest a little bit of money with us today you’ll have a great deal of money tomorrow,” said Col. Michael A. Pachuta, DoD’s director of morale, welfare and recreation policy.

“Also, you should shop (for investment opportunities) like you would for anything else. Don’t buy the first thing that comes along. Make some comparisons.”

He encourages servicemembers to seek counseling and advice for financial matters through base family support centers and legal offices.

Servicemembers should be on the lookout for such things as something presented as a savings plan with an insurance component to it. That is a red flag, he said.

Before buying insurance, servicemembers should compare what the premium would be for a rate of coverage compared to the rate for the same amount of coverage through the Servicemen’s Group Life Insurance program.

DoD officials are rewriting parts of the department’s commercial-solicitation policy to enhance enforcement. This includes a requirement for officials at installations who detect policy violations to report them to their service headquarters, and from there to DoD. The aim is to keep a

What to know

Col. Michael A. Pachuta, DoD’s director of morale, welfare and recreation policy, wants to hear from people who believe they have been taken advantage of by unscrupulous insurance and investment marketing practices. People can send comments to him at Michael.Pachuta@osd.mil until June 20.

record of violations so they will be available for installation officials to check when a new insurance agent wants to do business on the installation.

Colonel Pachuta said there are 14 prohibited practices in DoD’s commercial-solicitation directive, such as soliciting without an appointment, soliciting door-to-door and soliciting individuals during duty hours at their work places.

He said DoD policies apply to any military or civilian employees as long as the transaction takes place on a military installation.

“That has been the problem,” he said. “Some people have been enticed to go off the installation to carry out these business agreements. So we’re interested in working with the federal and state regulatory agencies to broaden our oversight.”

He also said that anyone who has a problem with an insurance product should contact the appropriate state regulatory agency.

“They’re the ones that have a strong hammer if there has been a legal or ethical violation,” he said.

Robins Command Post keeps base key people informed

By Holly L. Birchfield
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When something happens on base, the Robins Command Post is always involved.

Eighteen emergency actions controllers man the command post, in eight to 12-hour shift rotations, with at least two Airmen answering more than 200 emergency and mission-related calls daily.



Airman 1st Class Jose Diaz, an emergency actions controller, works behind the scenes to keep commanders and other key people on base informed of mission-related and other happenings as they occur.

“We’re basically the central nerve of what goes on at the base,” he said. “We filter information to whoever needs to know about it, whether it’s the 116th (Air Control Wing), the Air Logistics Center or anyone else. We coordinate (everything) to get it executed or terminated as it needs to be. There’s nothing too big or too little (on this base) that we don’t know about.”

Airman Diaz, along with other emergency actions controllers, tracks arrival and departure of aircraft and ensures base leaders and those in other key roles are aware of mission-related items, on-base incidents and personal matters involving military and civilians.

“We typically get a lot of calls from security forces, letting us know what’s going on, since we’re responsible for any notifications of what (happens) on the entire base. Sometimes, we might hear about something, and we have to do our own investigation to find out everything we need to know.”

A 15-minute briefing is



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Airman 1st Class Jose Diaz, command post emergency actions controller, runs through a quick reaction check list.

given by those on the previous shift to inform in-coming controllers of the latest occurrences, so they’re ready to face whatever comes their way – a part of the job that Staff Sgt. Jose Flores, senior emergency actions controller, said is one of the most important.

“You’ve got to get here at least 15 minutes before your shift starts so we can do the staff change-over briefing where we check certain things in the front and back of the office,” he said. “After that, we spend another 15 minutes updating people on what has happened last night or yesterday, so they know what’s going on if anyone asks about it.”

Airman 1st Class Tatiana Crooks, a 22-year-old emergency actions controller, said quick response is crucial in her job.

“Once you assume your shift, you have to be ready for anything that could possibly happen,” she said. “We have a quick-reaction checklist that lets us know what to do in certain situations, but really, when it comes down to it, it’s all about the controller’s judgement.”

When things occur that can’t

wait for response until the next day, Sergeant Flores said he and other controllers are equipped with a list of numbers to help people get the answers they need.

“We’re a 24-hour on-call for people on base,” he said. “If something happens at 2 in the morning and someone needs to get a hold of someone, we have a slew of on-call and recall rosters for everyone on base, where we can reach people whether it’s at home, work or on a cell phone. Most of the time, when people call us, it’s about something that can’t wait until the next day. Sometimes, we have to piece things together, but we get them the help they need.”

In addition to answering hundreds of calls, the two to three controllers who man the command post console of phones and computers use an advanced tracking system to coordinate the arrival and departure of aircraft, such as the F-15 and KC-135 Stratotanker.

Sergeant Flores said keeping his personal life and work life separate is imperative to his mission’s success.

“It’s a high-stress environ-

ment,” he said. “You have to leave all your personal stuff at the door when you come in here. If you don’t, it will just get crazier.”

Tech. Sgt. Marlene Hindman, noncommissioned officer in charge of console operations, said training Airmen to handle the demands of working in the high-stress environment takes a few months.

“We have people who are basically between 18 and 20 years old who are fresh from technical school, and we have to train them how to respond to these outside inputs and also be able to funnel information to other people in a concise, clear and calm manner. That requires a lot of hands-on training.”

While the job can bring just as much excitement as stress, Airman Crooks said knowing she plays a vital role in keeping the war-fighting mission going is a satisfying feeling.

“A lot of people don’t realize that we’re the people behind the scenes,” she said. “Everything the commander knows comes through us. We play a big role in what happens on this base day to day.”

Sergeant Hindman said the active-duty command post is the most unique in the Air Force, serving both active duty and Guard wings, as well as four major commands, through a myriad of exercises and other mission-related tasks.

“We’re the ones who sit here at 2:30 in the morning and when something happens on base. We send out the cavalry - Explosive Ordinance Disposal team, medical response, and others,” she said. “Two o’clock in the morning or 4 o’clock in the afternoon, it doesn’t matter. We’re here 24-7 to support the different major commands. We’re an information center. We get information in, and we disseminate it out.”

Mama mia!

Pizza Depot celebrates 17 years of serving hungry customers

"We are more than just a pizza restaurant; it's a family. I love Pizza Depot. It's like a part of me. It's my baby, and I raised it up."

By Lanorris Askew

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If the aroma of fresh baked breads doesn't get you, then the homemade sauces, fresh salads and gourmet pizzas definitely will.

For 17 years Pizza Depot has stood as a beacon to hungry customers looking for food variety and quality service, and Martha Newton has been the backbone of that success.

Mrs. Newton, known as "Mama" to many, came to Robins in 1981 when her husband was stationed here. After working at the child care center for several years, she was approached by the then new Smith Community Center's director and asked if she would like to come work at Pizza Depot. Agreeing to take on the job as food service worker leader, Mrs. Newton became the first and since then the only manager of the restaurant.

A lot has changed since April 15, 1988, when the doors first opened. The old pre-made breads and pizza crusts have long been discarded in exchange for daily made fresh baked bread. The menu now serves burgers, subs, salads and dessert pizzas. One thing hasn't changed though, and that's dedication to quality.

Whether the 21 member staff is catering a wedding, conference, retirement ceremony, staff meeting or preparing lunch for the masses, they give it their all.

"We are more than just a pizza restaurant; it's a family," said Mrs. Newton. "I love Pizza Depot. It's like a part of me. It's my baby, and I raised it up. And it does really well."

A seven member crew arrives at 7

MARTHA 'MAMA' NEWTON

Pizza Depot manager



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Martha 'Mama' Newton shows off the freshly baked bread used for sandwiches at Pizza Depot.

a.m. to start the day's preparations, which includes getting dough ready for the proofing and baking of the bread.

"The bread must be started no later than 8 a.m. so it can be proofed, baked and ready by 10 a.m.," said Mrs. Newton. "We introduced hamburgers about six years ago, and we make all of our own buns, too."

The manager said nearly everything is homemade, and that is quite unique to many pizza restaurants today.

"People don't have the time to make homemade bread, and no one wants to put the labor in because labor is expensive," she said. "My folks and I have it down to a science."

I'm proud that we can do that."

According to Mrs. Newton, Pizza Depot is the only pizza facility in the Air Force to stand the test of time, and she thinks the secret to their success is giving it a personal touch.

"The secret is good customer service, a good quality product and being a friend," she said."

To prove their salt the restaurant has been in Pizza Today magazine, a national publication dedicated to pizza restaurants, several times, the first in 1997 where a four page spread told their story. A lunch time crowd of more than 300 says even more.

Mrs. Newton also attends the Pizza Expo each year in Las Vegas where she learns the newest technologies. There she also learns some interesting tricks that result in some unusual concoctions.

"I have three or four new pizzas that I premiere each year and this year is no different," she said. "I'm going to introduce them at our birthday party Tuesday."

Edwina Gaynor, food service worker, just returned from vacation and is excited she made it back in time for the birthday celebration.

Working at Pizza Depot for two and a half years she knows what to expect.

"I'm excited," she said. "I enjoy the customers and the boss. It's a small facility, and I like to get to know people around me when I'm working. I'm more comfortable that way."

When to go

Pizza Depot is located in Building 767 at the corner of Ninth and Macon streets, inside the Smith Community Center. It's open Sundays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Delivery is offered Sundays through Saturdays, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. For delivery, call 926-0188 or 926-0189.



Above, Mrs. Newton shows off a magazine article that spotlights Pizza Depot. Right, Andrea Fisher prepares lettuce for the day.



Donna Smith makes a purchase and receives a friendly welcome from Edwina Gaynor.

Base newspaper celebrates 50 years of news with face lift

We at the Robins Rev-Up are joining with Services, Martha Newton and the staff of Pizza Depot during the restaurant's birthday Tuesday to celebrate a milestone of our own - the 50th year of publishing the Rev-Up.

The newspaper, which first appeared on base, Oct. 1, 1954, has gone through numerous changes in design and content over the years. And to celebrate its 50 years, the editorial staff of



the Rev-Up has yet again given the publication a face lift to keep up with ever-changing industry-driven design techniques.

With the help of Randy

Waters, the Telegraph's presentation editor, Angela Trunzo, Robins Rev-Up associate editor, has come up with new design elements that should make the paper easier to read, allow more room for news and photography and hopefully provide a more aesthetically pleasing product.

There will be a static display of the redesigned front page on display at the event, and the first edition featuring the redesign

will come out June 10.

The staff has also put together a survey with Services Marketing to give readers a chance to provide feedback on how well both the Rev-Up and Services meets their needs. Everyone who fills out a survey will get the opportunity to win tickets to Music Midtown in Atlanta featuring Alan Jackson, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Kid Rock and

more, along with other prizes.

People who fill out surveys should put their names and telephone numbers on the surveys, as they will be used to draw winners.

This year, the Rev-Up was named best metro-format newspaper at the Air Force Materiel Command level for the third consecutive year and best metro-format newspaper at the Air Force level for the second

consecutive year. Additionally, Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret won the Defense Department's Thomas Jefferson Award for Graphic in support of a publication, Geoff Janes was named this year's Air Force Print Journalist of the Year, and Sue Sapp took first place at the command level and runner up at the Air Force level for her photography.

— From staff reports

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Leadership seminar

James C. Hunter, author of “The Servant,” a best-selling book on leadership, will give a leadership seminar June 15 at the Museum of Aviation. The Middle Georgia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is sponsoring the event. The event will be open to the public. Mr. Hunter is a man-

agement consultant and the author of two books. The half-day workshop will focus on leadership. The cost is \$40, which will include light refreshments and copies of Mr. Hunter’s book, “The Servant.” To sign up, contact Mickie Cranford at mickie.cranford@robins.af.mil or 926-6582 or Misty Holtz at misty.holtz@robins.af.mil or 926-3854.

Found property

Seven bikes, one scooter, two wallets with contents, one set of ladies rings, book bag with contents, dog tags, decorative knife and a gym bag with con-

tents have been found. To identify property, call Stacey Panozzo, found property custodian, at 926-5271.

New sushi bar at Commissary

The Commissary now offers fresh sushi in the Deli. The sushi bar is open Tuesdays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sundays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 926-3714.

Palace Chase program briefing

There will be a Palace Chase Force Shaping briefing the third Wednesday of

the month at 10 a.m. in Building 905, Room 240. The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component. For more information, call 327-7367.

Firing range reminder

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, adjacent to the horse stables. If you have any questions, call the 78th SFS Combat Arms section at 926-5031.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Enlisted Club

Karaoke is scheduled every Tuesday starting in June from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie.

Catfish on the curb will be offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. starting in June at the club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Sunday with practice and warm-up sessions from 2 - 2:45 p.m., sign-ups start at 2:45 p.m. and games start at 3 p.m. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

The entire Robins community is invited to the Falcon Fun Fest June 10 at Robins Park from 4 - 8 p.m. to meet the Atlanta Falcons football players and cheerleaders. An autograph session, limited to the first 100 people, will be held from 4 - 5 p.m. Other activities include touring the Falcons Mobile Museum, purchasing memorabilia from the mobile store and playing interactive football games. Fans are invited to test their football skills at the inflatable field goal kick and quarterback toss challenges. Falcon tickets will be on sale at 2:30 p.m. by Information, Tickets and Travel at Robins Park. Costs are \$23.50 for upper end zone and \$68.50 for lower end zone. Tickets are limited to five per

person, per game, per purchase at this special event. Concessions will be on sale at the park.

Receive two for the price of one on select cruises. All have ocean-view cabins at rates starting from \$798 for two people. For more information, call 926-0093.

Now’s the time to book your Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail vacation. Twenty-three courses at eight facilities are located no more than 15 minutes from a major interstate. Prices range from \$38.50 - \$48.50 and includes cart fees.

Atlanta Braves VIP ticket sheets, valued at more than \$400, are available for \$50 a sheet. The sheets include four free tickets, and eight home game buy-one get-one free tickets. The tickets are valid for all home games, excluding the July 4 game. Coupons are redeemable at Atlanta Braves Ticket office. Customers may complete an entry form to win a free Atlanta Braves VIP ticket sheet when they make a purchase at ITT. One entry form per customer per visit. No purchase is necessary if customers complete an index card with name, address and phone number and mail it to Services Marketing and Publicity, 755 Warner Robins Street, Robins AFB, GA 31098-1469 by June 10. The drawing will take place June 13.

Officers’ Club

Join the fun at Boss N’ Buddy night Wednesday. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. at

the Wellston. This event includes prizes and appetizers.

Members celebrating June birthdays are entitled to a \$10 birthday dinner coupon to use the evening of their choice at the club. Please notify the server on duty to take advantage of this club membership benefit.

Services Marketing

Several focus groups will be conducted Tuesday for information regarding the Officers’ Club in the Georgia Room. Volunteers will receive a coupon for \$5 to use at the Base Restaurant, Fairways Restaurant, On Spot Café, Pizza Depot, Enlisted Club or Officers’ Club. Individuals in the following categories are needed: Airmen (E1- E4) from 8 - 9 a.m.; noncommissioned officers (E5 - E9) from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.; company grade officers (O1 - O3) from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.; field grade officers (O4 and above) from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.; retired officers from 3 - 4 p.m. and retired enlisted from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Individuals will be randomly selected. To sign up for a focus group, e-mail Linda Hinkle at linda.hinkle@robins.af.mil. Include your rank/grade, day-time phone and the focus group you are eligible to participate in. For more information, call 926-5492.

Skills Development Center

The center will hold classes in animals in acrylic June 15 and 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; scratch board art June 17 and 24 from 6 - 7:30 p.m., cost \$10; watercolor animals June 14 and 21

from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$10; animals in acrylic June 15 and 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; scroll saw June 11 and 25 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$10; flowers in oil with Yon June 13 and 20 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50. Registration and payment is required for classes. Classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, please call the skills development center.

Auto shop safety and orientation is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge.

Smith Community Center

The community center will host the Missoula Children’s Theater production of “The Jungle Book” June 20- 25. Between 50 and 60 children, entering first graders to twelfth graders, may participate in open auditions at the community center June 20 at 9 a.m. Children should be prepared to stay for two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. Two performances are scheduled in the community center ballroom: June 24 at 2 p.m. and June 25 at 7 p.m. General admission tickets cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and free for children 3 and younger.

Youth Center

The Atlanta Falcons will conduct football and cheerleading clinics at the Youth Center from 3 - 3:45 p.m. June 10 prior to the Fun Fest at Robins Park. For more information, call 926-2110.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Amityville Horror – Jimmy Bennett and Ryan Reynolds

In 1974, police discover the DeFeo family dead. Ronald DeFeo confessed to methodically murdering his parents and siblings, claiming it was the “voices” that told him to do it. A year later, the Lutz family moves into the house, but stay for only 28 days after being terrorized by a demonic force. Based on the true story of George and Kathy Lutz.

Rated R (violence and terror, sexuality, language and brief drug use) 89 minutes

Saturday 7:30 p.m. – A Lot Like Love – Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet

Oliver and Emily met on a flight from Los Angeles to New York seven years ago, each declaring that they couldn’t be more wrong for each other. However, life keeps bringing them back together over the years. As they struggle with their different partners, careers and breakups, they turn from casual acquaintances into trusted friends.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content, nudity and language) 107 minutes

COMING SOON June 10 - The Interpreter June 11 - The Hitchhickers Guide to the Galaxy June 17 - House of Wax June 18 - State of the Union



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program. John DeJean, WR-ALC/MANRSG. Points of contact are Van Hill at 926-4286 or Ginny Does at 926-5727.

Nicole L. (Rogers) Little, WR-ALC/LSELS (MASNS). Point of contact is Linda J. Matlock at 926-5948 or 926-5594. Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concern-

ing requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Open bowling is back Mondays for \$1.50; Wednesdays - Fridays after 5 p.m. for \$2.50 and Saturdays and Sundays for \$2.50. Kids ages 12 and younger bowl for \$1.25 with paid adult.

Bowl three games for \$3 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in June.

A kids’ fun league will begin Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per week for eight weeks on Wednesdays. This league is non-sanctioned.

Fitness Center

Fitness Month concludes with Sports Day starting at 9 a.m. today. Most activities will be held at the center. For more details, call 926-2128, the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 or visit www.robins.af.mil/services.

Varsity men’s softball tryouts will be 10 a.m. Saturday at field No. 2. For more information, call 926-2128.

Five-on-five dodge ball is scheduled for June 18 at 11 a.m. Sign up at the fitness center.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop for people leaving the military within the next six months will be Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Reservations are first-come, first-served within the appropriate separation or retirement dates.

Community tour

A community tour for Team Robins members and

Golf Course

An annual green free membership night is scheduled for June 23. Enjoy food, games and prizes. For details, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

A Seniors Club Championship tournament will be held June 25 and 26 with individual stroke play and net and gross divisions. Entry fee is \$30 for annual green fee players and \$60 for guests. This event is open to all active duty and retired military ages 50 and older. To register, call the golf course at 926-4103.

Link Up 2 Golf offers participants more than \$300 in savings for \$99 per person. The program includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link UP 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble.

Outdoor Recreation

Swim lesson registration is underway at Equipment Rental, Building 914, with lessons at the Crestview pool. Classes will be held June 7 - 17, June 21 - July 1, July 5 - 15 and July 19 - 29. Cost for “Mommy & Me” toddler class (ages 2 - 3) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4 -

13) cost is \$40 per child. All fees are due at time of registration.

Outdoor recreation is taking reservations for private swim parties at officers’ and enlisted club pools. For more information, call 926-4001.

Youth Center

Specialty camp registration is going on now at the youth center. The camp will be held from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday beginning June 13. Activities include swimming classes, Missoula Theater, fine arts, science, bowling, shoot for the stars (basketball camp taught by former professional basketball players), karate and woodworking. The camp is for children ages 9 - 14 and will be held in the teen center, Building 942. Cost is \$95 per week per child. For more information, call 926-2110.

Youth fall sports registration will be held in July 9 - 16 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading and fall soccer. Hours to register will be Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Coaches are needed. To register or for details, visit the center in Building 1021.

13, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 137
Sponsorship training
The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors June 14, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Starting a business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a “Starting a Business” workshop June 15, 9 a.m. - noon., Building 945, FSC annex.

Resume, cover letter preparation workshop

Reservations are being accepted for an introduction to resume and cover letter preparation workshop June 16, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Fallen heroes remembered



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



The 78th Comptroller Squadron held a memorial for fallen heroes May 26. Military members and civilians from the squadron read aloud the more than 1,800 names of the fallen heroes in support of Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. A POW/MIA table and flags from each service also were displayed. Clockwise from top, Lt. Col. Stephen Kennedy listens as Senior Airman Derek Carroll reads names. Right, Senior Airman Derek Carroll reads names of people who died in support of Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Above, a memorial display was set up as a reminder of the fallen heroes.

Around the Air Force

Emergency data cards must now be completed, updated online

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – After decades of Airmen updating emergency contact information in their personnel records, everyone is now required to update the information online rather than visiting their military personnel flights. Effective immediately, personnel flight officials are no longer required to print and file a paper copy of the Virtual Record of Emergency Data form in each Airman’s personnel records, officials said. The paperless form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty. The vRED, which replaced

Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data in 2003, is required to be kept updated by each Airman. Now the only way to update an Airman’s emergency data is by visiting the virtual MPF online. Personnel officials encourage all active-duty Airmen, Guardsmen and Reservists to update their information every six months. Civil service employees are also encouraged to update their virtual Emergency Data System contact information as needed for the same reasons. For more information, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ to log into vMPF or to establish an account. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

Defense Department study ongoing to investigate Airmen’s health

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) – An ongoing Department of Defense health study will ultimately examine health surveys submitted by servicemembers throughout 20 years. The joint-service Millennium Cohort Study will evaluate the health risks of military deployments, occupations and general military service, said Navy Cmdr. (Dr.) Margaret Ryan, director of the DoD Center for Deployment Health Research in San Diego. Enrollment for the study began in 2001, and close to 100,000 servicemembers have enrolled since then, including active-duty and reserve components. Of those, more than 20,000 participants are Airmen.

Participants are selected and asked to complete a survey every three years through 2022. To make participation as effortless as possible, respondents have the option of completing either online surveys or paper surveys that arrive in the mail. Although enrollment has been hampered by deployments supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, it is increasingly important for servicemembers to respond to study invitations during these periods, DoD health officials said. Results have already led to a better understanding of the general health of servicemembers, while future studies will focus on specific disease outcomes and multisymptom illnesses, officials said.

AAFES ups limit on cheaper price challenge

Army & Air Force Exchange Service news service

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has announced it is raising its limit on verbal price challenges from \$5 to \$10. “AAFES always aims to offer the lowest price,” said Phil Holifield, AAFES vice president of store operations. “Unfortunately, as much as we try, AAFES sometimes may not have the lowest price. When this happens we want to make the price challenge as easy as possible. Raising the verbal limit empowers AAFES cashiers and sales associates to immediately approve the price reduction.” If a customer finds a lower price, all AAFES locations will now accept the customer’s word and charge the lower price up to a difference of \$10. The price reduction will be approved immediately. No competitor’s ad or any other proof is required. “Troops and retirees who shop at the exchange provide critical support to military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs,” said Mr. Holifield. “Bottom line,

we want authorized exchange customers to buy products at AAFES facilities. Increasing the price challenge amount is just another way AAFES is combining outstanding customer service with great prices.”

How the program works

■ AAFES retail stores will match a local competitor’s current price on any identical stock assortment item for the customer who makes the price challenge. “Identical” is defined as same brand, manufacturer and model number. For clothing, an identical item has to be the same size, color, brand and style.

■ AAFES retail stores worldwide will accept oral price challenges (based on the customer’s word) on identical stock assortment items from local competitors. Price differences up to \$10 will be honored on the spot. A local competitor is defined as a retailer doing business in the community where the exchange is located. This includes Navy and Marine exchanges.

■ AAFES retail stores have a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally pur-

chased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or any local competitor.

■ AAFES retail stores will not accept price match challenges from any outside retail catalog or outside Internet site.

■ AAFES retail stores worldwide will match pricing on identical items found in the Exchange Catalog or aafes.com with the exception of the following categories: fine jewelry, collectible giftware, crystal and closeouts. In addition, special orders and CentricMall.com are excluded.

■ Exceptions: will not match prices on refurbished goods, gray market items, unauthorized dealers, warehouse clubs, Commissary, BXMart, PXMart or CXMart prices. Other exclusions include: bonus or free offers, clearance prices, closeout prices, special orders service contracts, automotive labor and services, special order automotive parts, installation, delivery or assembly services, mail-in-rebates, instant “in-store” rebates, double and triple coupon offers, flat percentage off items and gasoline, and official military clothing and accessories.

Airman’s Attic receives donation



U.S. Air Force photo by Tommie Horton

In appreciation for Robins help supporting the Vidalia Onion Festival Air Show with ground support equipment, the festival organizers donated \$1,000 to the Airman's Attic. The air show is held at a small municipal airport, with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as the featured performers. The airport did not have the proper equipment to support the Blue Angels and the A-10 demo team. From left are Maj. Samuel Simpliciano, Dan Wills, Airmen's Attic director, Andy Kimball, festival representative, and Chief Master Sgt. Billy D. Doolittle, Center Command Chief Master Sergeant.

78th Security Forces Squadron safety tips

Minimize your risk of ID theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, social security number or credit card number, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

Here are some signs to look for to tell if you have been a victim of identity theft:

- failing to receive monthly bills
- receiving approved credit cards you didn’t apply for
- denial of credit for no apparent reason
- receiving calls from debt collectors about merchandise you didn’t buy

Check your credit report frequently to look for changes. Refrain from using easy passwords like your birth date, address or consecutive numbers.

Don’t give out personal information over the phone, Internet or through the mail unless you initiated the contact. Identity thieves can be skilled liars and may pose as bank representatives or Internet Service Providers to get you to divulge personal information. Deposit outgoing mail in the post office box instead of your mailbox and remove incoming mail promptly. Shred all documents with personal information before disposing.

Implementing these steps into your daily routine will assist you in securing your identity.

For more information, contact 78th SFS Police Services at 222-1990/1/2.

— Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300.

If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community, come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers’ Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Lynn Morley at 926-6295.

Middle Georgia Chapter of the Military Officers’ Association of America meets the second Friday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Officers’ Club, except for December when the chapter meets the second Wednesday. Come on out and socialize with your fellow officers

and enjoy a meal and program. For more information, contact Bill Goodwin at 929-3362.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member’s home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlisted personnel, guard and reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel and civilian employees of military retirees. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For more information, call Altry James at 222-2245.

Reserve Officers Association Chapter 36, The Flying Tigers, holds its luncheon meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers’ Club.

Lunch is pay-as-you-go buffet. Membership is open to Reserve officers of any service component, active or retired, and spouses. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Larry Ruggiero at 327-0227 or Lt. Col. Ray Cancilleri at 327-1622.

Robins Prisoner of War Missing in Action Memorial Organization meets the third Monday of each month except December. The meeting is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

Editor’s Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

Air Force Reserve adopts new recruiting logo

Air Force Reserve Command has a new advertising logo that more closely aligns it with the active force while touting the command as a high-tech, professional fighting force.

AFRC recruiting officials began working with Blaine Warren Advertising in January to develop the new logo.

Lt. Col. Jerry Herbel, chief of Headquarters AFRC Recruiting Service’s advertising and information systems division, said the time was right for a new advertising logo.

“We wanted a logo that captured the spirit of Air Force Reserve Command but also conveyed the message that we are a part of the overall Air Force,” he said. “We went through a number of different designs and got input from focus groups of recruitable people. This was the design that best conveyed the message we were trying to get out.”

AFRC senior leaders approved the new logo in May. They were involved in the development process from the beginning and are excited to see the new logo in the Reserve’s upcoming advertis-



Courtesy logo

ing and recruiting products.

“This new logo will give a streamlined and modern look to our advertising products, and it emphasizes the word ‘Reserve,’” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander. “Since the Air Force adopted its new symbol last spring, we wanted to incorporate that symbol into our advertising logo.”

A major difference between the new logo and the ones the command has used in the past is the new logo doesn’t feature a slogan. AFRC has used “Above and Beyond” as a slogan since 1998. Before that, the command used “A Great Way to Serve” for 20 years.

The command will feature the new logo in all of its new advertising products but will continue using promotional items with the old logo until they are all gone, Colonel Herbel said.

– AFRC News Service from Citizen Airman magazine

